

Comments on proposed closing of the beach to vehicles.

As residents of Grover Beach, we are blessed to live within a mile of the beach and go to the beach frequently. My father age 93 likes to be able to see with his limited eyesight and feel the waves and this is only possible with the ability to take our car to the shoreline. As one's eyesight, and mobility decrease with age there are fewer joys we can experience please do not take this joy away. We all need a little more time with nature. One of my good friends who is in her 50's has mobility and other health issues goes to the beach every day in her car so she can sit on a lawn chair and have the waves touch her feet. She no longer able to swim, run or walk on the beach this is her only access to the beach this is what keeps her sane. Please do not take this pleasure away. The beach should be for all people not just the strong.

The SVRA is a critical component in offering and ensuring that ADA Access to a real beach experience is provided within reasonable reach of a significant portion of the state's disabled population and that it equally serves a vast number of seniors, multi-generational families (and often diverse families), and those who may not be legally disabled but have limited mobility.

The SVRA is the only place between San Diego and Mendocino County where vehicle access is allowed on the beach. And that use only occurs on 5 miles of the state's 840 mile-long coast, less than 1% of the coastline!

Thank you for considering the huge difference the vehicular portion of the beach makes for entire society not just the strong and able who can walk for miles.

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